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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO THE  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON MAY 28, 2008**

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find our Request for Continued Examination and Remarks in Response to the Final Office Action dated May 28, 2008. A response was due August 28, 2008. A Petition for a Three month Extension of Time to November 28, 2008 and the requisite fee are enclosed. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.